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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING FLOODING IN BRIDGED NETWORKS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory action mailed on February 3, 2004, Applicant offers the following response to accompany Applicant's request for continued examination. This response addresses all grounds for objection and rejection that appear in the Advisory action.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for controlling flooding in a bridged network having a bridge connected to a plurality of networks, said method comprising: